

In the Claims:

Please add the following claims 11 to 14 as follows:

1(previously presented). A method of transmitting digitally coded traffic information, wherein said digitally coded traffic information includes a digitally coded traffic message having a standard format, said digitally coded traffic message containing first location information, said method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a leading header (12) in front of said traffic message, said header (12) indicating that at least one additional information portion (14,15,16) follows said traffic message;

b) providing said at least one additional information portion (14,15,16) following said traffic message; and

c) providing additional location information in said at least one additional information portion (14,15,16), said additional location information adding to and/or changing said first location information.

2(previously presented). The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the header (12) includes means for encoding said traffic information.

3(previously presented). The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said at least one additional information portion is divided into classes (20) and each of said classes (20) comprises a class indicator (21) and at least one data packet (23,24).

4(previously presented). The method as defined in claim 3, wherein each of said classes (20) includes a class length (22) following said class indicator (21) and leading said at least one data packet (23,24) and said class length (22) designates results of a count of said data packets following said class length (22).

5(previously presented). The method as defined in claim 4, wherein each of said at least one data packet (23, 24) comprises a type indicator (26) and information entities (27).

6(previously presented). The method as defined in claim 3, wherein a total number of required packets is fixed in each of said classes.

7(previously presented). The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said standard format is coded according to a TMC method.

8(previously presented). A radio receiver for reception and analysis of digitally coded traffic information including a digitally coded traffic message having a standard format, said digitally coded traffic message comprising first location information, said radio receiver comprising a receiving stage (2) including means for receiving said traffic information, means for analysis of a leading header (12) provided in front of said digitally coded traffic message, said leading header (12) indicating the presence of at least one additional information portion following said digitally coded traffic message and means for evaluation of said additional information portion to ascertain any additional location

information contained in the additional information portion, said additional location information consisting of changes and/or additions to said first location information.

9(previously presented). The radio receiver as defined in claim 8, wherein said traffic messages are TMC traffic messages.

10(previously presented). The radio receiver as defined in claim 9, further comprising a processor (6) and wherein said processor (6) includes a memory (7) for only standard text information and means for detecting said additional location information in said additional information portion.

11(new). A method of transmitting digitally coded traffic information to drivers of vehicles traveling on a network of streets and highways, said traffic information including, if necessary, additional location information regarding changes in and additions to highway and street designations and place names, said method comprising the steps of:

a) coding a traffic message in a standard format for transmission to at least one vehicle traveling on said network of streets and highways;

b) when said additional location information regarding said changes in and said additions to said highway and street designations and said place names is not originally present in a memory associated with a receiver of said traffic message, providing a leading header (12) in front of said traffic message encoded in said standard format and at least one additional information portion (14,15,16) following said traffic message encoded in said standard format, said at least one additional information portion including said

additional location information due to said changes and said additions to said highway and street designations and said place names, and wherein said leading header indicates that said at least one additional information portion follows said traffic message encoded in said standard format and said header includes coding information regarding coding of said at least one additional information portion;

c) transmitting said traffic message encoded in said standard format together with said leading header (12) and said at least one additional information portion (14,15,16) to said at least one vehicle;

d) providing said at least one vehicle with said receiver and with means for decoding said traffic message encoded in said standard format and said at least one additional information portion, said means for decoding including a location code table for correlating the highway and the street designations and the place names with location codes in said traffic message, said location code table being stored in said memory associated with said receiver; and

e) decoding said traffic message encoded in said standard format and transmitted to said at least one vehicle with the help of said location code table; and

f) decoding said at least one additional information portion (14, 15, 16) with the help of said coding information in said header.

12(new). The method as defined in claim 11, wherein said transmitting of said traffic message encoded in said standard format with said leading header (12) and said at least one additional information portion to said at least one vehicle takes place by broadcasting

with a radio data system and said standard format is a format suitable for radio broadcasting.

13(new). The method as defined in claim 12, wherein said receiver and said means for decoding said traffic message encoded in said standard format and said at least one additional information portion comprise a receiving stage (2) and a decoder (5) connected with a processor (6) and said memory (7) for storing said location code table.

14(new). The method as defined in claim 11 or 13, wherein said traffic message encoded in said standard format is coded according to a TMC method.